

THE EAST HAMPTON STAR SHINES FOR ALL

Local Galleries at Miami Fairs

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Bob Schmatz's sculpture "Caroline Herschel" will be on view at the Art Now Fair in Miami.

Now that the East End is no longer a magnet for art fairs, with only a couple still in play here during the summer, local galleries have to look elsewhere, and where better than Miami, which is the site of no fewer than 18 art and/or design fairs through Sunday. Seven local galleries have made the trek south, and several others are featuring work by East End artists.

Eric Firestone Gallery of East Hampton is presenting a solo exhibition of work by Miriam Schapiro in the survey section of Art Basel Miami Beach. Schapiro, who lived in East Hampton, will be represented by hard-edged geometric work made in Southern California from 1967 to 1971.

While the Cristina Grajales Gallery is located in Manhattan, it will participate in Design Miami with "A Boy From Texas," a solo show of recent sculpture and design by Robert Wilson, the founder and artistic director of the Watermill Center. Mr. Wilson's installation of blown and cast glass reflects on nature, fragility, and his childhood in Texas, where his early theater works were developed.

Three other East Hampton galleries are in Miami this week. Harper's Books is showing work by Marcus Brutus, Alejandro Cardenas, Elizabeth Huey, and Spencer Lewis at Untitled, Art Miami Beach, while Halsey McKay will present Ekse Ferguson, Graham Collins, Sheree Hovsepian, and David B. Smith at NADA Miami. Work by Grant Haffner, Lizzie Gill, and Clara Rafferty can be seen in the Roman Fine Art booth at Pulse Miami Beach.

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Mark Borghi Fine Art of Bridgehampton and New York City will take part in Art Miami 2019 with a one-artist show of work by Chakaia Booker, whose abstract sculptures use found objects and industrially fabricated materials. Todd Merrill Studio of Southampton and New York will be at Design Miami with work by nine artists whose work spans contemporary design, fine art, and traditional craft. The White Room Gallery in Bridgehampton has brought work by seven of its artists to Scope Miami Beach.

Other East End artists whose work is on view this week include the sculptor Bob Schwarz at Arte Collective's booth at the Art Now Fair, and, at Art Basel, Valerie Jaudon with DC Moore Gallery and Lynda Benglis, Joan Mitchell, and Donald Baechler with Chem and Read.

Berry Campbell's booth at Art Miami 2019 will showcase work by a dozen artists with East End connections, among them Dan Christensen, Elaine de Kooning, Grace Hartigan, Syd Solomon, and Frank Wimberley.